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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Organization and Administration - Directing staff at the Headquarters.

The Health Survey and Development Committee has suggested that in the provinces there should be five Deputy Directors for administrative purposes, each being in charge of a special group of subjects and 14 Assistant Directors who will be distributed as indicated below:

Deputy Directors		Assistant Directors
1	General Administration	1
2	Medical Relief	2
3	Public Health	6
4	Professional Education and Research	2
5	Public Health Engineering	3

2. Secretary in his comments on the Report has stated that "without going in for amalgamation we may still consider whether strengthening of the staff at the top of the respective departments is necessary".

It has already been decided that the Medical and Public Health Departments should not be combined in the manner suggested by the Committee, that they should continue to function separately under separate heads of departments and that it would suffice if adequate co-ordination of the activities of the two departments is provided for at the top. Nor is there any proposal to make the Public Health Engineering Department a part of the Public Health Department. Problems of public health-engineering are now dealt with by the Sanitary Engineering Department under a Sanitary Engineer, who functions under the control of the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (General, Buildings and Defence). This arrangement will apparently continue.

3. The question which requires consideration is whether the staff at the headquarters assisting the respective heads of the departments concerned, namely, Public Health, Medical and Sanitary Engineering Departments should be enlarged in view of increased activities consequent on the implementation of post-war schemes.

Public Health Department - So far as the Public Health Department is concerned there are at present --

(a) three permanent posts of Assistant Directors (for Epidemics, Fairs and Festivals, Vital Statistics and Vaccination)

(b) one permanent post of Assistant Directress for Maternity and Child Welfare.

(c) One post of Assistant Director for Establishment and Post-War-Reconstruction.

(d) one post of Assistant Director for malaria and mosquito borne diseases.

(e) One post of Assistant Director for Nutrition (not yet filled and held in abeyance until further orders)

(The above list does not include the Professor of Hygiene in the Madras Medical College which post is also borne on the cadre of Assistant Director of Public Health). The three Assistant Directors referred to in item (a) exercise functions in their respective region in the province (which has been divided into three regions for this purpose) and also perform

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duties connected with the respective branches of public health work referred to. In connection with post-war schemes a post of Assistant Director of Public Health was proposed to be created for Public Health propaganda and publicity and a similar post for Industrial Hygiene Bureau which is to investigate occupational hazards of Industrial workers and the remedies therefor. It has been decided that a separate Assistant Director of Public Health for Public Health propaganda is unnecessary. The need for a separate Assistant Director for Public Health for Industrial Hygiene has however been noted on in the connected file sent to Development, P.W.D. and Finance. The question whether the post of Assistant Director of Public Health, (E&T + P.W.R)- item (c) above may not be discontinued from 1-5-47 is separately under consideration. So far as the Public Health Department is concerned, there does not appear to be any need to consider the proposal for a separate Deputy Director or any proposal (apart from what is referred to above) to increase the number of Assistant Directors. It may be taken up if and when the Director of Public Health comes up with proposals to strengthen the staff of officers based on actual requirements. Yes

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Medical Department - So far as the medical subjects are concerned it is seen that the Bhore Committee has suggested Deputy Directors and Assistant Directors as hereunder:-

	Deputy Directors	Assistant Directors
General Administration	1	1
Medical Relief	1	2
Professional Education and Medical Research	1	2

These suggestions for the directing staff are for a combined Public Health Department with a single Director of Health services. There will be no need for such a large number of officers under the arrangements which are in force in this province and which are to continue in force. However, it may be presumed that the Surgeon-General will come forward with proposals on the subject if necessary.

Public Health Engineering - The Sanitary Engineering Department functions separately under a Sanitary Engineer and the Chief Engineer. Here too the Chief Engineer may be expected to be aware of the needs of the Department and come up to Government with proposals for increase if he considers such increase necessary. At present there is a proposal to increase the number of supervisors and Assistant Engineers only. No action seems to be necessary in this regard until the Chief Engineer moves in the matter.

4. For orders whether the three Heads of Departments should be consulted in the matter.

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28-3-47 - Secretary

1) There is a proposal to have a conference of the Chief Engineer, and Sanitary Engineer on 4th June 1947 regarding the organisation of the Sanitary Engineer's Office.

2) There is also a proposal to reduce the number of Assistant Directors of Public Health which has been sent to the Director of Public Health for remarks. This case may lie over till 15th June 1947.

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30-5-47

It is understood that no decision has been arrived at X

at on the subjects mentioned in Joint Secretary's note.
The file may lie over till 5-7-1947.

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20-6-1947

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may lie over till 30-7-47.

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12-7-47

No decision has been arrived at on the proposal for the re-organization of the Sanitary Engineer's office and on the proposal of the reduction of the number of Assistant Directors of Public Health. This case may continue to lie over till 20th August 1947.

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31-7-47

Submitted that this may lie over till 12-9-1947 as the position is as ~~in~~ stated above. Orders regarding the reduction of the number of Assistant Directors of Public Health have since been issued. One post will cease to exis from 1-9-1947.

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23-8-47.

This file has been lying over in view of Joint Secretary's note on pp.~~3-4~~ ante.

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Apparently proposals for the reorganization of the Sanitary Engineering Department will take time to materialize.

As regards the P.H. Deptt., one temporary post of Asstt. Director has been abolished. As against this, it has been separately proposed to create a temporary post of Assistant Director of Public Health for Industrial Hygiene and this proposal is likely to be put forward as a Part-II Scheme for 1948-49.

2. As no special action appears to be necessary on the suggestions of the Bhore Committee dealt with in this file, it is for consideration whether the papers may be recorded.

(Yes. In present financial state we need not think of multiplying our top officers unless****

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****and until the Director of Public Health or Surgeon-General takes the initiative and makes only a good case for additional high officers.

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